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From the editor's desk

Polish up your sense of

humor and make the new year a happy one.

She is a bit on the plump side, with an enchanting sense of humor and an infectious laugh. At teachers' meetings and institutes she is always surrounded; it is obvious that other teachers like her and enjoy her company. We have often thought, "What a jolly place her classroom must be! Her pupils must be crazy about her."

Recently some young friends of ours became her pupils. "I'll bet you like school this year," we prompted. "You must have a lot of fun in Miss Blank's room."

"FUN!" they repeated incredulously. "With HER? She's the worst teacher we ever had. She never smiles—not ever. And we can't open our mouths. All we do is work, work, work!"

Then for the first time it occurred to us that there are two Miss Blanks—the one with the sense of humor who is so well-liked by her adult colleagues, and the one who keeps that same sense of humor so completely concealed that she is thoroughly hated by her pupils. It was apparently the sense of humor which made all the difference between popularity and unpopularity. How unfortunate that the children who spend the greater part of their day with Miss Blank can't enjoy her company as her adult friends do!

We suspect that there are other teachers who, either consciously or unconsciously, tie their sense of humor to the outside doorknob before entering their classrooms. But why? We all know that laughter is an important aid to the learning process. Material that is learned with laughter is learned from thirty to forty percent faster and is retained about thirty percent better. Pupils in an atmosphere of jollity are alert, eager, and free from emotional blocking. Children, feeling that fun is an end in itself, have found a motive for studying when they are convinced that there is fun and laughter in education.

Students, old and young, are hungry for laughter. How many times have you laughed uproariously at the motheaten joke of a college instructor—a joke which would not have been funny in any other setting? Laughter relieves tensions, contributing to mental and physical health and psychological balance. It has a wholesome influence on the growth of the whole personality.

It is to your own advantage as well as that of your pupils that you should bring your sense of humor into the classroom. Your work will be far more pleasant, less tedious and boring. You won't develop the disposition and lineaments of a Halloween witch. And you will enjoy the warming sensation of being liked by your pupils.

Your own personality will be improved. The practice of humor sharpens the wits and provides for intellectual development. It makes for self-confidence and poise. You will never have a more responsive and appreciative audience for your witty remarks than that group in your classroom. In fact, you're in a far better position than Bob Hope, for your audience can't escape.

A teacher's laugh is contagious and immediately improves the atmosphere of the whole classroom, whether that classroom is of first-grade or college level. Your humor, however, will naturally be gauged to the age of your pupils. The remark which would convulse a college classroom may pass unheeded in a fourth-grade group.

Don't expect a child to be able to laugh at himself, but the teacher may as well be ready to laugh at her own mistakes or slips of the tongue. Her pupils will laugh; so why not all laugh together?

Unhitch your sense of humor from that outside doorknob and bring it into the classroom. Your teaching hours will be far more pleasant, and so will you. Your pupils' learning hours will be far more enjoyable, and so will they.

Why take yourself so seriously? No one else doesleast of all, your pupils!



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Elephant Expert

We are indebted to *This Week* for the story of the kindergarten lassic who reported back to her mother that she now knew all about elephants. "Did you know." she announced. "that elephant tusks are made out of piano keys?"

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Linoleum blockprinting

Prints made from
linoleum blocks can be
very effective—
if everything is done
properly. Let
Nancy Hall
tell you how.

Linoleum blockprinting is a handicraft for children of all ages and talents. Many children who can't express themselves in such arts as drawing or painting find expression in this simple art.

As an elementary school art course, blockprinting offers many advantages. The study of prints gives the children a historical background of art and an appreciation of the prints of all times and countries. It arouses interest in modern processes such as printing and the developments that have been made along that line in recent years. Finally, it creates a desire in the child to express his own ideas in prints.

Print making is an excellent handicraft to teach in schools because it requires little equipment. In addition to linoleum and other supplies such as paper, the only tools required are four gouges. The gouges are a V-shaped one and three others of



The cover illustration (photo by Clark Yowell) shows how Carol Yowell. 10, holds the mounted block firmly with her left hand as she illustrates the proper method of cutting a design. She holds the cutting tool in her right hand, pushing away from her as she cuts the v-shaped trench. The block was designed by Chloe Hightower, North Junior High School, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Using an inexpensive roller, Carol Yowell inks the block evenly before making the print. Small rollers may be purchased in any printer's supply store.

varying size to cut out background. An ordinary pocketknife or a stencil knife with an adjustable blade may be used in place of the gouges. The linoleum used should be unpatterned cork linoleum with a smooth surface and even grain. It should be at least 1/8 of an inch thick and may be unmounted or mounted on three-ply wood. Oil stones should be kept at hand to sharpen the knives or gouges. which become dull after a half an hour in use. Other equipment needed is carbon and tracing paper. printer's ink, and a roller purchased in any printer's supply store, or a Although not an essential part of the equipment, a press is very convenient, especially when printing a large quantity. If there is no press available in the school, the children can make a simple press from a clothes wringer. The wringer is mounted on a table or a box with a platform built up on either side of the wringer. This platform is slightly below the bottom roller so that the blocks can be run through the wringer onto the platform.

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The most important step in blockprinting is the design. In crafts like weaving, the design is only the beginning, because the art lies in the



used, a rich line design is more effective. The drawing, the same size as the block, should have all the details filled in with black ink to show which areas will stand out.

After the design has been chosen and the drawing made, the next step is to transfer the design to the block. The transfer may be made in any one of three ways. First, it may be transferred by tracing paper. A pencil tracing is made from the inked drawing. With the finger, chalk is rubbed on the back of the tracing paper. The chalk side of the paper is placed down on the face of the block. and while the left hand holds the tracing paper, the right hand goes over the outlines again with a pencil. When the tracing paper is removed. the outlines show up clearly as white chalk lines. One thing to remember is whether or not the design can be reversed without losing its form. If it cannot be reversed, the tracing should be done over on the other side of the paper and the chalk rubbed on the right side of the tracing paper. These chalk lines are not permanent and should be drawn over with a brush and India ink. One caution to remember is never to use sharp drawing instruments on linoleum.

Another way of transferring the design is to paste very thin tracing paper on the block and cut through

outcome, while in printmaking, the paper design gives all that is required for the finished product. The most important thing to remember is to keep the design simple. A design loaded with minute detail is the sign of an amateur. Children and beginners have a tendency to visualize any action scene as a large landscape in which small figures are seen. Professionals believe that this tendency comes from a certain self-consciousness, a fear of having people see on a large scale that which may be criticized. It is better in blockprinting either to abolish all insignificant details from the design or to enlarge them.

For a first cut, see that the children choose simple line and angle designs because they are much easier to cut than curved lines. If a knife is the cutting tool, a black silhouette is the easiest design; if a gouge is



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both paper and linoleum. Still another transfer method is to use carbon on linoleum painted white. The carbon paper is placed between the whitened block and the ink drawing. and as the lines of the drawing are traced over with pencil, the carbon transfers the design to the block. Then the lines must be drawn on the block in ink. Of course the ideal way of making a design on linoleum block is to do away completely with the transfer process and draw the design with a brush or cutting tool. This gives a spontaneous, fresh appearance that is often lost through the tracing process.

After the inked lines have thoroughly dried, it is time to begin cutting the block. It is better to begin on the long, straight edges first, leaving the more intricate parts until later. If a new block of linoleum seems greasy, it should be washed in warm water and soap before using it. Allow the block to dry in moderate temperatures, because extremes may warp the block.

The position of the knife used for cutting resistant surfaces is very upright. The knife is inserted at a slant only about 1/8 of an inch deep and is drawn toward the operator. A parallel line is cut at the same slant. the ends of the two lines joined, and a v-shaped trench has been cut. Similar trenches are cut around every edge of the design. No matter how thin any line is, it should have a 1/2 inch trench on either side, and no matter how small any dot is, it should have its moat-like trench around it. This method of trench cutting insures clean drawing with the knife. Occasionally it is impossible to make slanted lines, and in such cases vertical ones must do. The reason for sloping the sides is that the linoleum block will stand the printing process better when the design is wider at the base. The trench method also does away with the danger of undercutting the design.

After the trenches have been cut and each edge of the design stands out clearly, the knife or a larger gouge is used to clear away the background area. Take great care in cutting out the background to avoid a slip that might ruin the design. Occasionally linoleum can be repaired by gluing in another piece and recutting

it. This repair is not very satisfactory, however, because the block has been weakened.

The process changes very little when cut with gouges instead of a knife. Instead of pulling toward the operator, as is the case when using a knife, a gouge is pushed away from the operator. Holding the tool lightly, the right hand furnishes the power while the left hand serves as a guide. The depth of cut varies, but in general the trench is cut to ½ of an inch while the background area may be cut down to the wood base.

If no press is available, not even a clothes-wringer press, the blocks may be printed by hand. The paper. preferably a smooth, antique finish, is placed on the face of the block. At least a half-inch of paper should be allowed at the top and at the sides and a little more than that allowed at the base. Commercial printer's ink can be used or a printing ink can be made from India ink and flour paste. The two are mixed on the block with an application of paste following an application of ink. The paste, medium thick, is placed in one container and the India ink in another. With a brush, the India ink is smoothed on the block and then a small amount of paste is added. When the mixture has been spread until the consistency of cream, the paper is placed on the block to be printed. Sometimes children prefer to use the more difficult method of making their own printing ink, but when printer's ink is used it is very convenient to have a roller with which to spread the ink on the block. The rollers, which can be purchased quite cheaply at any printers' supply store, have an iron handle and are used by printers to pull proofs. The roller should always be kept clean and hung up when not in use.

After the block has been inked either with commercial ink or with ink the students have made, the paper is placed on top of the block and covered with three or four folds of newspaper as a pad. Either with the hand or the back of a spoon the block is rubbed up and down and from right to left until the design has been impressed on the paper. The newspaper pad is removed so that one corner of the paper can be lifted to see if the paper has inked darkly and evenly.

If the print looks satisfactory, the paper is removed; if not, the rubbing process is continued until the desired effect has been achieved. Using both hands, lift the paper slowly from the linoleum. It is important to caution children about care in removing a print from the block. Too hasty removal may spoil a print. Good, clear prints cannot be expected from the very first proof, but clear ones may be expected about the fourth or fifth time, when the linoleum reaches a more favorable printing condition,

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To insure more uniform intensity of color, the block must be inked each time a proof is pulled. Occasionally when using printer's ink too much will be applied with the result that the lines of the print are smeared, or too little may be applied with the result that there is white space where there should not be. There is more difficulty, however, in mixing ink to the right consistency. If the ink is too liquid, blotches will occur and the lines will be indefinite. If the India ink is too thick with paste the print will come out gray, the ink will be too dry to print evenly, and white spots will result.

After a print has been taken, it should be placed between sheets of cardboard to dry without curling at the edges. Numerous prints can be stacked up this way as long as there is cardboard between each print. A weight should be placed on top of the last cardboard. The final step in the printing process is to clean the block with soap and water, putting it away clean so that it may be used again.

Along with a certain joy and pride in creation that is often found in children, there comes a joy in color. bright colors, and a quantity of color. This can be satisfied by blockprinting in color after the simple fundamentals of the process have been mastered. Tubes of printing ink in all colors may be purchased, or the children's abilities may be tested by allowing them to make their own colored inks from tempera paint mixed with water and then mixed on the block with paste. For each color used in the print there should be a separate linoleum block mounted on wood or cardboard.

On each block is cut a different (Continued on page 43)

Eskimo boy

The fourth of a series of step-by-step drawings by Dawn E. Schneider

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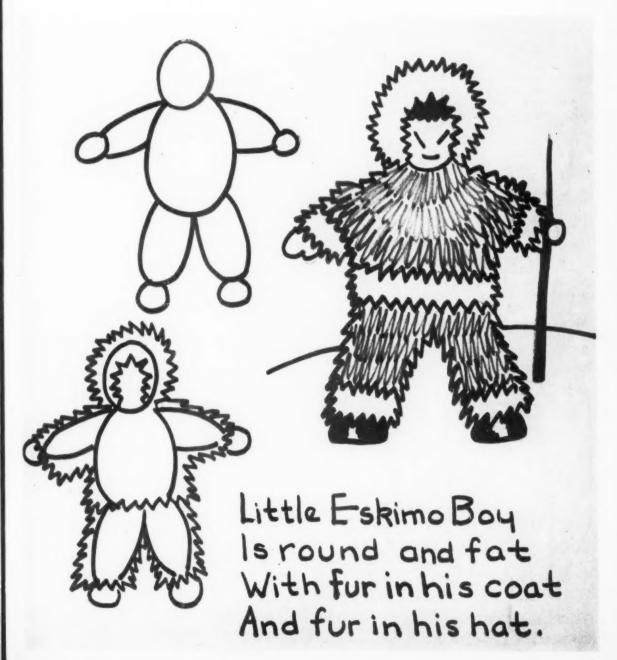
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Let marionettes enliven your teaching

Virginia Church gives detailed

instructions for making marionettes

To make her subject-matter more interesting to her pupils, the modern teacher finds that she must often step out of the textbook and employ innovations that the instructor of old-school methods would condemn as new fangled and ridiculous. But the pioneers in humanizing the school room have found the rewards eminently satisfactory. The marionette is a "practice teacher" well worth his hire. There are innumerable assets that come from the introduction of this little fellow into your teaching.

If you are interested in arts and crafts, there is the increase in manual dexterity that comes from making the marionette. After he has been made, he may be used to aid oral work by having the child speak his lines clearly and correctly. Speeches or plays written by the children for him to deliver become exercises in composition.

Dressing the figures provides lessons in the study of period costumes and costume design. Should the figure represent George Washington or some patriotic character, he may get over the history of his country and its ideals in a much more acceptable and unforgettable fashion than that presented by the teacher.

Here is a short outline of how to make the marionette. Should this information be too meager, the instructor will find additional material in the library. There are fifty or more good books on the subject.

There are several types of the puppet or marionette. The simplest is the Buraltini or mitten-puppet. Make a cloth head, stuff, and paint it. See that the neck is long and flexible. To this is sewn a little sack-like dress, open at the bottom. The sleeves are stuffed and have cloth or wooden hands. To operate, the hand is slipped into this sack, the forefinger in the head, the thumb and second finger in the arms. This is the Punch and Judy type of puppet. sert ti

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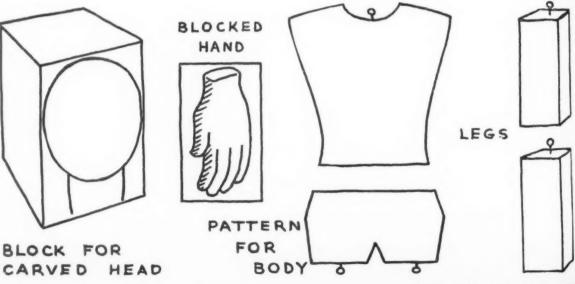
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The string-controlled puppet is called a marionette and while taking more time and patience to make is more useful and satisfactory. You begin by modeling a head from clay. Its size will depend upon the size of the finished figure you wish to make. From fifteen to eighteen inches is a good workable size. After fashioning your egg-shaped piece of clay into a head with pronounced features, you make a plaster cast.

Make your cast as follows: Pour a pint and a half of water into a tin basin. Using a coarse sieve, sprinkle (without stirring) plaster of Paris into the water until it begins to show above the water. Have your clay head ready before-hand, resting on a stand, dowel through the neck. In-



sert triangles of tin around the head half way back from the nose. Coat tins and clay with a thick coating of vaseline.

Hold the clay head in left hand over basin. Stir the plaster and with your free hand or with a spoon drop the mixture over one side of the head until it is one inch or more thick. Hold it until it hardens. Turn over. remove tins, grease plaster edge and back of head, and pile the plaster on this side. Work rapidly, as your plaster may harden and you will have to make a fresh batch before completing. The cast will harden in twenty to thirty minutes. Open the two sides carefully, as you may wish to use the cast for several different heads. Remove the clay, which may also be used repeatedly.

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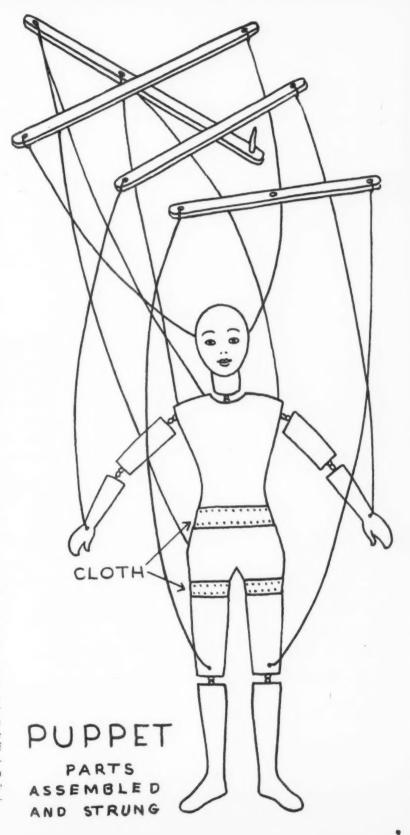
Rinse out your pan but do not empty contents into the sink, as it will clog up the pipes.

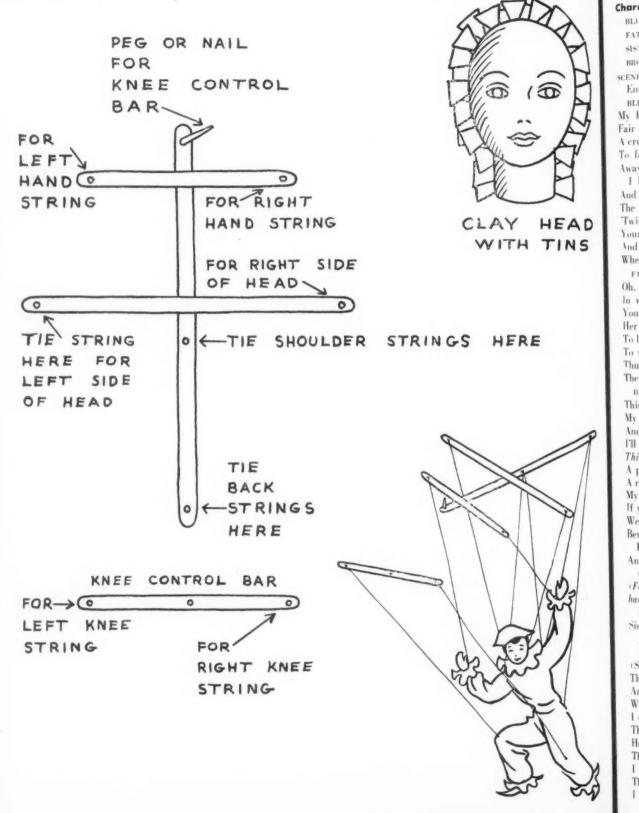
The cast is now ready to be filled with papier-mâché or plastic wood. If papier-mâché is to be used, the cast must be well oiled with vaseline. If plastic wood is to be the medium. soap melted to the consistency of paste is used to coat the inner surface. Papier-mâché is easy to make. It is done by soaking torn bits of newspaper in a gallon bucket of warm water to which have been added two cups of flour paste. Squeeze out handfuls of this pulp and press it firmly into the cast to about a halfinch thickness. Set it out to dry. The sun is a good furnace. It may take as long as two days to become thoroughly dry.

Remove the two sides carefully from the cast, trim the edges and glue together, using strips of paper to glue any loose edges down. Paint the head and face with oil paints or poster paints, the expression, of course, depending upon the character to be created.

Most puppeteers prefer to work with plastic wood. This is a putty-like substance that comes in cans. If you use plastic wood, coat your surface with a paste made from lvory Soap. The thickness of the plastic wood should be a quarter of an inch pressed strongly into all depressions of nose, mouth, etc. If you make an opening at the top of the cast, the two halves may be put to-

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BLUEBEARD FATIMA SISTER ANNE BROTHER

SCENE: A room in Bluebeard's palace.
Enter Fatima and Bluebeard.

My Fatima, my dearest dear, Fair light of Bluebeard's eyes, A cruel message summons me To fair and distant skies; Away, away to Araby this hour must I hie,

And I must leave my Fatima.
The apple of my eye.
Twill be a weary time. I know.
Your tender heart will grieve:
And what will little wifie do
When hubby has to leave?
FATIMA:

Oh. gracious lord, with thee away In whose bright rays I bask. Your lonely Fatima will ply Her humble household task. To bake the bread, to spin the thread. To weave the garment gay. Thus, thus will Fatima employ The long and lonely day.

BLUEBEARD:

This wifely spirit mild and meek
My heart doth greatly please.
And further to encourage it.
I'll leave with you my keys.
This key alone you may not touch.
A private door it opes.
A room where—ah—I keep—ahem—My kites and skipping ropes.
If you should open it, your fate
Were worse than tongue can tell:
Beware! Take care! Take care!

And now, once more, farewell!
(Exit)

(Fatima gazes after him with clasped hands, then calls)

FATIMA

Sister Anne! Sister Anne! (Enter Anne)
FATIMA:

'Sings to tune: "King Charles":
The old bore is gone
And he's left me his keys:
While he thinks me forlorn
I can do what I please.
Though alas! I'm his wife,
He's a brute and a bore,
Though it cost me my life
I will open that door!
Though it cost me my life
I will open that door!

Bluebeard

Written for puppets by Virginia Church

ANNE:

Oh, sister. I fear that that is unwise. For your husband is odd. He may cause you surprise: Yet temptation is strong And a lark I adore, So I say, Come along. Let's open the door! So I say, Come along. Let's open the door! (Fatima opens the door.)

BOTH:
Oh. horror and woe!

Oh. horror and woe!
What is this that I see?
Three heads all a-row
And as dead as can be!
Oh! I know them, they're wives
That he's murdered before!
Oh! we've lost our lives
For we opened that door!
Oh! we've lost our lives
For we opened that door!
(They scrub key.)

FATIMA:

(Sings to tune: A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight)

Rub, rub, rub as hard as e'er you can!

Scrub, scrub, scrub—Oh, harder, Sister Anne!

Hark, hark, hark, do you hear a footstep fall?

What should we do if old Bluebeard came back?

Oh-dear-me!

ANNE:

Rub, rub, rub, oh. Fatima, my dear! Scrub, scrub, scrub, there's a little blood just here;

Hark, hark, hark, do you hear a footstep fall?

What should we do if old Bluebeard came back?

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Rub, rub, rub, to save our wretched lives!

Scrub, scrub, unhappiest of wives!

Hark, hark, la hear a footstep fall;

What shall we do, for old Bluebeard's come back!

(Enter Bluebeard)

BLUEBEARD:

My love, I suddenly returned:

What have you baked, what have you churned?

Now if you please, I'll take my keys. And so my thanks you've earned. Ha! What do I see upon this key? Ber-lood! Ber-lood! Tis death for thee!

You open the door; you saw in gore The fools who opened it before! Ber-lood! Ber-lood! Prepare to die! FATIMA:

Oh, sister! Call for help! Oh, fly!
(Anne runs to window and looks out.
Bluebeard draws his sword and flourishes it.)

FATIMA: (Kneeling)

Oh, wait, you savagest of bears! You horridest of brutes, you! Just give me time to say my prayers. Then do whatever suits you! (She leans her head toward her sister)

FATIMA:

Oh, sister Anne, oh, sister Anne, is anybody coming?

ANNE:

Nothing but a humming-bird That makes a pleasant humming! BLUEBEARD:

Ber-lood! Ber-lood! Prepare to die! FATIMA:

Oh. sister Anne, is no one nigh?

ANNE:

I see—I see—a cloud of dust! BLUEBEARD:

Prepare to die! You shall! You must!

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Plan your dental health program now

You will do
your pupils a great
service by teaching
them how to care
for their teeth.

By Dorothy Needham

Nine out of ten children have at least one decayed tooth by the time they are six!

Appalling, isn't it? But this fact is a brief indication of the dental health situation among our school children today.

The need for increased emphasis on dental health presents a real challenge to the elementary teacher. Even though there is no recognized "cureall" for dental ills, the teacher can play an important role by teaching the fundamentals of dental health and helping the child to set up good dental care habits as early as possible.

Parents are especially pleased when the teacher helps them by stimulating new interest in the care of the teeth. Good dental care saves money, protects an attractive smile, and contributes to general well-being.

One reason why it is particularly important that good dental care practices be established among younger children is that the first permanent tooth erupts at about six years of age. Show the children the location of this tooth and explain the meaning of "permanent teeth." Interest in dental health is easily sparked at this age because the children are losing their primary teeth and their curiosity is already aroused.

In addition to teaching the function and structure of teeth, you will want to stress these three elements of dental care: diet, regular visits to the dentist, and good tooth-brushing and gum massage practices.

The relationship between diet and dental health can be explained quite simply. Emphasize the fact that a daily diet planned to include the Seven Basic Foods is important to general well-being, and dental authorities are convinced that it contributes to healthy gums.

Also, because refined carbohydrates are the most vital factor in dental decay, you will want to stress brushing the teeth immediately after eating sweets or starches, whether they are part of a meal or a between-meals snack.

It is known that certain harmful bacteria thrive on the food particles left on the teeth. These bacteria act on the refined sugars and starches to form lactic acid, which in turn attacks the enamel. This takes place within twenty minutes after eating.

After such attacks are repeated a number of times, a cavity forms, and decay progresses.

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Your help in encouraging children to regard the dentist as one of their best friends is very valuable. Children should start going to the dentist at about three years of age. Then the "baby" teeth will be repaired as the need occurs.

Care by the dentist is especially important in the protection of the sixth year molar. This tooth is frequently lost at an early age because it is mistakenly indentified as a "baby" tooth and allowed to decay.

Explain how the dentist can detect and fill cavities while they are still tiny. Small fillings help protect the teeth against serious damage. They also cost less money and are less likely to be painful.

Frequent cleaning of the teeth by the dentist is also important. Hard tartar is constantly forming on the teeth and can irritate the gums. Hard tartar can be removed only by the dentist.

The dentist also watches for teeth which are badly over-crowded or have erupted at odd angles. Whenever you observe dental irregularities among the pupils in your class, you might find it helpful to talk with the child's parent, who may not be aware of the condition. It is important that corrections be made for these reasons:

- Where protrusion or recession causes a poor bite, nutrition is affected.
- Facial contours causing an unsightly appearance can seriously affect the personality.
- Difficulty in cleaning may increase likelihood of decay.
- Irritation to the gum tissue can result.

Frequent visits to the dentist are an economy. A check-up three times yearly is not too often, for decay develops very rapidly in children's teeth. However, it is most important that the dentist's recommendations he followed up promptly.

Thousands of children enter school each year never having owned or used a toothbrush. This is deplorable because we know that most decay occurs in those areas of the teeth where food particles are most likely to accumulate.

Since gum troubles are responsible for more than half the tooth losses, it is important to point out the need for massaging the gums as well as brushing the teeth.

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Long ago when man's diet was chiefly uncooked foods, vigorous chewing was necessary, and the blood supply to the gums was stimulated in this way. Our modern diet of well-cooked foods requires so little chewing that gum massage is needed to insure a good circulation of blood to the gum tissue. Also, gum massage provides friction which toughens the surface tissue.

The gums should be massaged each time the teeth are brushed. When teaching this routine, follow the directions on the diagram for a good toothbrushing and gum massage technique.

Simply demonstrate this method, as the teacher is doing in the photograph. Then follow up with a class drill. Repeat the drill daily until you feel every child can really do it. Even the younger children will learn very quickly.

Urge a wake-up brushing in the morning before breakfast. This starts the day right with a clean feeling in the mouth and increases the enjoyment of the meal.

Then stress the regular practice of toothbrushing and gum massage as soon as possible after every meal. If the washroom facilities in your school are adequate, it may be possible to arrange for after-lunch brushings in school. This provides a real application of your lesson and gives you an opportunity to supervise the techenique in practice.

A good dental health program pays off in big dividends of health, looks, speech, and money. So start your campaign now to help children understand the importance of dental care and to build good dental care practices.

* The Toothbrushing Model and the Diagram are part of the teaching aids included in the "5-Way Plan for Dental Health." This set of materials (dental health chart, teacher's manual, toothbrushing model, daily care score sheets, and dental health certificates) is provided free on request by the Educational Service Department, Bristol-Myers Company, 630 Fifth Ave., New York 20, N. Y. Be sure to give grade level and enrollment.

Demonstrating a good toothbrushing and gum massage technique with a larger-than-size cardboard model of a set of teeth.* For a class drill this model can be used as a pattern to enable each child to make his own.



How to Brush the Teeth and Massage the Gums

BRUSH ALL SURFACES OF EACH TOOTH. Proper brushing helps prevent dental ailments, Improper brushing can cause permanent injury.



BITING SURFACES. First brush the biting surfaces of all teeth thoroughly. Use the brush so that the bristles are flat against the biting surfaces. Brush vigorously to remove food particles from all crevices. Repeat each stroke six times.



BRUSH ONE SECTION AT A TIME. Divide both the upper and lower dental arch into six imaginary sections as shown. Each section is slightly narrower than the length of the brush so that the brushing operations overlap to clean every bit of outside surface,



OUTSIDE SURFACES, UPPER ARCH. Brush each of the six outside sections separately. Place the brush on the gums at a slight angle as shown above. Brush DOWN on the gums and teeth with a slight rolling motion. Brush gently at the beginning of the stroke in order to give the necessary massage to the gums. Put more vigor and twist in the end of the stroke. Imagine that you are trying to pick between the teeth with the bristles. Repeat each stroke six times.



4 OUTSIDE SURFACES, LOWER ARCH. Do exextly the same thing on the lower arch, except that you brush UP instead of DOWN.



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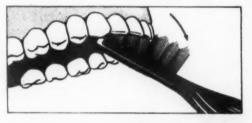
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INNER SIDE SURFACES. For the inner surfaces of all teeth except those in the front, use the same technique as suggested for the outer surfaces. The rolling, gum massage stroke is very important here. The inner surfaces of the molars often are neglected. Make sure that they get at least six strokes.





1NNER FRONT SURFACES. For the inner front surfaces of both upper and lower arches the brushing technique is very similar to that suggested above. The brush is held at right angles to the teeth and the strokes are made lengthwise of the brush instead of sidewise. For the upper teeth brush DOWN and OUT. For the lower teeth UP and OUT. Use extra strokes to clean the inner expices if necessary. Repeat each stroke six times.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE REACHED ALL SURFACES OF EACH TOOTH BEFORE BRUSHING AND MASSAGE IS COMPLETED.

No matter how hard he tried. Flatt Flanagan did everything backward. His mother had told him when he was a little boy that it was because he daydreamed too much.

"But you'll outgrow it. Flatt," she would say to encourage him.

However Flatt Flanagan never outgrew his daydreaming and here he was—a huge, fat man in the police force

And he was still doing things back-

The captain of the police force put Flatt to directing traffic at a busy corner. That should have been easy for Flatt. All he had to do was "tweet-tweet" his whistle and wave his arms around.

"Tweet-tweet." Flatt whistled an! waved his arms to make the cars go.

"Tweet-tweet." went the whistle again, and Flatt held up his hand to hold the cars back.

Flatt Flanagan blew his whistle and waved his arms around for a whole week and he did it just right.

But one day Flatt began to count the license plates from all the states. Then he began to daydream. He dreamed about how nice it would be to take a long automobile ride.

Soon Flatt's whistle was going "tweet-twee-eet, tweet-tweet." His arms were waving cars to go on and then changing to make them stop right away. He blew his whistle like mad and waved his arms around like a propeller. He had lines of street-cars clanging their bells behind each other. He had cars bumper to bumper and side to side. Drivers couldn't guess what to do next. The people ran all around the street like bugs.

Then the captain of the police came by. He saw the jumble Flatt Flanagan had made with traffic.

"What's the matter with you. Flatt Flanagan? Daydreaming again. I suppose!" he yelled at the cop.

Flatt looked at the cars he had tied into knots and his face grew as red as a traffic light.

The captain of the police started a few cars up one street and a few cars down another street. He waved the streetcars on, one at a time and held the people back. Finally the traffic was running just as it should.

"Flatt Flanagan, I'm going to put you on a beat," the captain of the

The backward cop

A story by Auril Wood

police said as he and Flatt rode away in a police car.

So every day for a whole week Flatt Flanagan walked down ten blocks and turned around and walked ten blocks back. He went past banks and stores and candy shops: but he never spoke to anyone because his face was still red.

Finally his face grew lighter and lighter until it was his natural color again. Then Flatt began to speak to people he passed on his beat.

But one day Flatt began to day-dream. He thought how nice it would be to have an ice cream soda. Just then he stopped to talk to a sad man sitting on a garbage box. They talked for a long time.

Then Flatt said, "Let's have an ice cream soda."

The sad man said. "Let's!"

So Flatt Flanagan and the sad man went into the candy shop. Side by side they sat up on high stools and gurgled their sodas through straws.

Then the captain of the police came into the candy shop. He looked at Flatt and he looked at the sad man sitting next to Flatt.

"That man's a desperate bank robber!" yelled the captain. "We've been looking for him for days, and you feed him ice cream sodas!"

Flatt looked at the sad man and saw that he was the one they were looking for, and his face grew as red as the cherry on top of an ice cream sundae.

The captain of the police took the sad man away to jail and Flatt followed along behind.

"Flatt. I'm going to put you on the zoo and playground beat." said the

captain. "You can't do anything backward there."

So every day—all day long—Flatt Flanagan walked around and around the zoo and the playground. But he didn't look at anything because his face was still red.

Finally his face grew lighter and lighter until it was his natural color again. Then he began to watch the animals in their cages and the children on the playground. He watched the children wade in the pool. He watched them play on the swings. He watched them whiz down the slides and he watched them whirl around on the merry-go-round.

Then one day Flatt began to daydream about how nice it would be to go in swimming.

He jorgot what he was doing.

He let all the animals out of their cages and put all the children in their places. The bears waded in the pool. The monkeys hung by their tails on the swings. The kangaroos whizzed down the slides, and the lions whirled around on the merrygo-round.

Then the captain of the police

"What have you done now, Flatt Flanagan?" he yelled as he went around letting the children out of the cages and putting the animals back.

Flatt Flanagan looked at the children and he looked at the animals and his face grew as red as the tail light on a police car.

"Flatt. I'm going to put you in a prowl car. Then we can tell you what to do by radio," said the captain of the police. "You can't possibly do

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Winter scenes on shades of blue paper

Try this suggestion by Helene Callicotte Condon.
You will be surprised!

Snow has a fascinating effect on the familiar landscape. The sky becomes more intense and the trees seem darker. Also, with the snow on them they change their size and shape, thus creating new scenes. For children, the primary interest is the thrill of playing in the snow and on the ice. It is difficult to say which is more exciting—sledding, skiing, or building forts and snowmen.

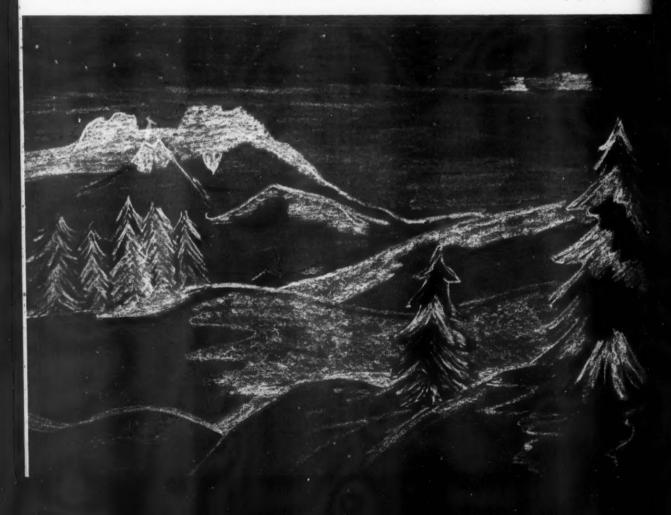
Why not carry this over into the art class?

Many interesting things can be drawn on the various shades of blue poster or construction paper. Black and white crayons make a wonderful contrast, while other colors have a new appearance on blue.

In the elementary grades, chubby snowmen are fun to draw. First, sketch his general outline very lightly on dark blue paper with a white crayon. Second, add the dilapidated top hat, coal eyes and buttons, carrot nose, and a stick for a mouth. Third, add his various other accessories such as pipe, scarf, mittens, and a broom or cane. Fourth, return to the white outline and with heavy strokes pick out the parts you wish to emphasize. It is interesting to compare the different expressions achieved in the class.

A more advanced problem could include figure work and composition: for example, an illustration of boys and girls making a snowman or

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Leather craft

Directions for making a bookmark and a change purse are given in this article

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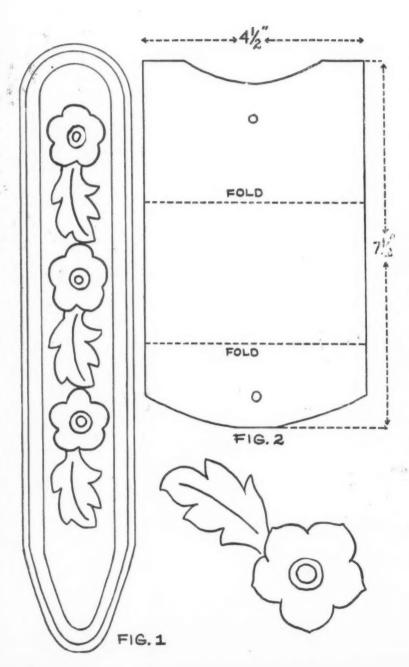
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Leather tooling is an interesting kind of craft work which is not too difficult to be undertaken successfully by pupils in the middle and upper grades. They should begin with simple articles such as bookmarks and change purses.

Leathers

The most suitable leathers for these small articles are tooling goat and light-weight tooling calf in natural color.

Tools

The beginner can start with very few tools. An essential tool for each pupil is a polished metal one called Modeler and Tracer. The pointed end is used for tracing designs on the leather and for stippling backgrounds. The spoon-shaped end is used for flat tooling. A sharp knife is needed for cutting out leather articles; a good pair of scissors will do for small articles. A metal-edged ruler is needed as a guide for the knife in cutting out articles. A T-square is useful for making edges exactly square. A single-hole spring punch will be needed to punch round holes for lacing the change purse. A snap-setting outfit is used for putting snap buttons on the change purses. Leather and tools may be obtained from any dealer in leather supplies.

A Tooled Bookmark

pattern for the bookmark. Suggested size 8"x134". The ends may be rounded, or one end may be straight and the other pointed.

STEP 2: Cut out pattern.

STEP 3: Place the pattern on the leather and trace around it with a pencil.

STEP 4: Lay the leather on a cutting-board of soft wood or a piece

of linoleum and cut out, using the metal-edged ruler as a guide for cutting straight lines. Cut curved parts with sharp scissors. Thinner leather such as goatskin may be cut entirely with scissors.

STEP 5: On a piece of drawing paper plan the design to be tooled on the leather. It must suit the size, shape, and purpose of the bookmark. (See Fig. 1.)

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STEP 6: Trace the design on a piece of tracing paper larger than the cut-out leather.

STEP 7: Moisten the cut leather by dipping a small sponge or soft clean cloth in water and going over the finished side of the leather lightly. STEP 8: Place the tracing paper over the moistened leather in the proper position and fasten it to the workboard with tape. Thumb tacks must not be put into the leather.

STEP 9: Transfer the design to the leather with the pointed end of the tool. Use a ruler as a guide for tracing long, straight lines.

STEP 10: Remove tracing paper. Re-moisten the leather if it has become dry while the tracing was being done. Always moisten the whole piece; never moisten only the part on which you are working or water marks may show. If the leather is too wet (if the smooth surface wrinkles or oozes moisture when the tool is pressed along it) it must be allowed to dry partially before tooling.

STEP 11: Tooling.

The tooling should be done on a smooth, flat, hard surface such as a

piece of plate glass or a piece of hard wood. Using the spoon end of the modeling tool, tool around the outside of the design that has been traced on the leather. Hold the tool at such an angle that the side of it presses the leather down deepest along the design. The stroke used in tooling has been described as a "push-and-pull stroke."

Next press down the background in order to make the design stand out in relief. Use the broad end of the tool and press down the leather immediately surrounding the design first. Then, using the flat part of this end of the tool, gradually work out to the border. There must be a border around all work that has a pressed-down background. The tooling must be continued until the background is evenly pressed down and does not show tool marks.

STEP 12: Stippling.

The background may now be stippled. This is done by making small dents evenly over the pressed-down background on the moistened leather using the pointed end of the modeling tool. Use enough pressure to make clear dents but be careful not to break the surface of the leather.

STEP 13: The bookmark may be finished with a crease or line close to the edge.

Change Purse

Fig. 2 gives a plan for making your stiff paper pattern which is the first step. The next eleven steps follow in the same order as in the making of the bookmark. Fig. 3 shows



how the motif used in the design for the bookmark has been adapted to the shape of the change purse.

STEP 14: Put on snap fastener if desired.

STEP 15: Cement the edges of the purse to hold them together while the holes for lacing are being punched. Rubber cement may be used. If ordinary glue is used care must be taken lest it soak through the leather.

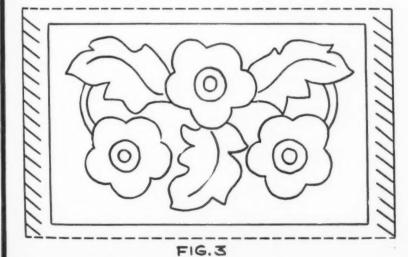
STEP 16: Punching holes for lacing or thonging.

Mark spaces for thonging onequarter inch from the edge and three-sixteenths of an inch apart. With the punching tool punch a hole between every pair of spaces. This is easier than trying to punch the hole over the dot made by the marker.

STEP 17: Lacing or Thonging.

Thonging is used to fasten the two pieces of leather together along the edge of the purse, and also for strengthening the single edge and giving an attractive finish. For the change purse use 3/32" width, English goat, natural, and lace the purse all the way around the outside except at the bottom, which is a fold. For the whip stitch (see Fig. 4), also called the over-and-over, the length of thonging used is three times the distance to be laced. Start the lacing at a point where both the starting and finishing ends of thonging may be hidden. Glue these ends to the inside of the article. The working end of the thonging will pass through holes more easily if it is cut to a point and a little glue added to stiffen it.

If it is necessary to join thonging, first skive or pare the two ends to be joined, one on the finished side and the other on the unfinished side, using a sharp knife. This is done to reduce their thickness. Apply cement to the skived ends.



Arizona

A child's guide to the

United States

by

Miriam Gilbert

My father is a copper miner. He is proud that Arizona's copper mines are among the greatest in the world. In fact, mining is the most important industry in Arizona. We live in Globe, which is the center of the vast copper mining and smelting region in Arizona. Bisbee, another mining city, has one of the largest copper mines in the country. It also mines large quantities of gold and silver.

My best friend is a Navajo Indian. The Navajos and the Hopis are the best known tribes in our State, and you are sure to meet Indians wherever you go. My friend has a book on all the famous Indian warriors, and we like to read about Geronimo most. He was a brave medicine man of the Apaches, and for many long months thousands of United States soldiers tried to capture him but failed. Geronimo finally surrendered in 1886 at the town of Apache.

My grandfather knows many tales of the old days of Arizona. When he first came to Phoenix, which is the capital and the largest city, it was a desert. It was not till 1911, when the Roosevelt Dam was built, that the land was irrigated for miles around and farming was able to flourish on a large scale.

I like the beautiful turquoise beads and ornaments that are made in Phoenix. The turquoise comes from the nearby hills and is polished and shaped into jewelry in Phoenix factories. My sister's birthday is next week, and my mother is going to buy her a turquoise ring.

Do you know that Arizona is the youngest state? It was admitted to the Union in 1912.

The oldest town in Arizona is Tucson. In 1692 a Jesuit Father visited the Indian village which stood on the present site of Tucson. The first settlement was made here in 1776. An abode wall was built around the town as a protection, and it is the only walled town in Arizona.

Not far from Tucson is Saguaro National Monument, a forest of unbelievable cacti. The Saguaro is a giant cactus which lives for hundreds of years and grows from twenty-five to thirty-five feet high. The saguaro has a lovely pale white blossom which is our state flower.

We have many scenic spots, and tourists come each year to see the wonders of our state. But the Grand Canyon is one of the wonders of the world. It is 217 miles long and has a width at the top of from four to eighteen miles. There are many beautiful trails along the rim of the canyon, and you can look down more than a thousand feet at certain observation posts and see the brightly colored rocks that rise on each side.

Then there is the Petrified Forest that looks as if a sorcerer had enchanted acres and acres of forests. Tumbled logs and parts of trees, millions of years old, have been turned to stone (that is what the word petrified means). The trees were washed down here from the higher lands. Minerals soaked into the trees and turned them into colored stone. The stone is so beautiful that it is carved into jewelry.

My sister's favorite visiting spot is the Painted Desert, where the sands glow like a rainbow. My sister was lucky to come here one year when the Hopi Indians held their famous Snake Dance. The Hopi Reservation at Walpi is on a high mesa overlooking the Painted Desert.

I like the cliff dwellings best. They are the crumbling cave homes of Indians who lived here hundreds of years before the first white men came. It is exciting to wander through the rooms in the pueblo at Tuzigoot National Monument. There is a museum on the grounds which shows some of the pottery, baskets, and cooking and working utensils which the Indians used.

Second best I like visiting Lowell Observatory, which is on a mountain near Flagstaff. This is an important astronomical observatory. Visitors are permitted to look through reflectors and telescopes at the moon and the sun and all the planets.

Don't you think visiting Arizona would be an unforgettable experience? I will be glad to introduce you to my Indian friend.

The map on the facing page suggests the kind of illustrated map that the children can make for themselves. Encourage originality and variety. Be sure they include all the very important cities, rivers, and places of interest.

Let the children give the names of all the states that border Arizona.

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Applied color harmony

Elizabeth Larkin explains how to make color harmony meaningful by useful projects.

This lesson in the practical application of color harmonies should be done in four separate drawing periods:

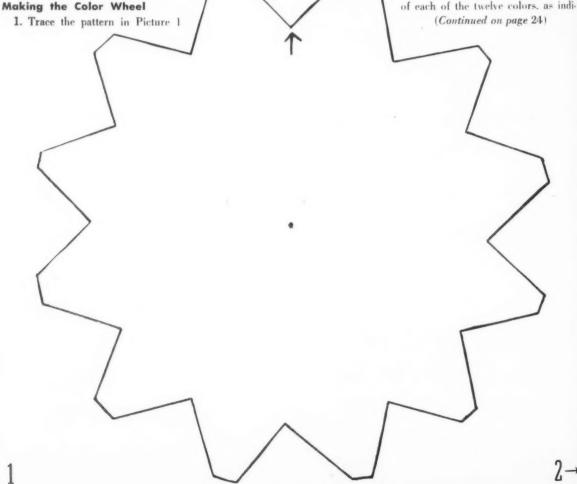
- 1. Making a color wheel
- 2. Making the dial in complementary color harmony
- 3. Making the colonial lady doll in split complementary harmony.
- 4. Making the colonial gentleman in analogous color harmony.

below and make a model of it from oaktag or cardboard.

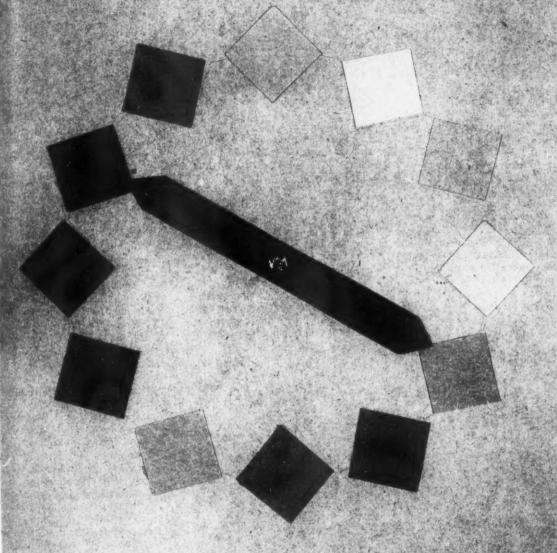
- 2. Have as many children as there are rows in your room make one model each from yours so there will be one for each row. Be sure they make a hole in the center.
- 3. Give each child a sheet of drawing paper (about 9" x 12"). Direct each child to the model over the up-

per part of the drawing paper so that the arrow points to the top.

- 4. Hang up in the front of the room a color wheel which has the true standard colors. If you have none, you could make one beforehand from the ideas given in this lesson. Make it much larger and use the chart in an encyclopedia. (The World Book Encyclopedia contains one in full color, under the word "Color.")
- 5. Give each child a square inch of each of the twelve colors, as indi-



COLOR HARMONIES



Complementary - Any two colors opposite an the color wheel.

Split-complementary - Any color with the two neighbors of its complementary.

Analogous - Any three colors in sur-ession.

cated in the next illustration, and have them paste them on the wheel in the notches, as indicated. Or have the children make the colors with water paints. Use at least the three primary colors red, blue, and yellow. Give them each a sheet of white drawing paper creased into 12 squares. Have them paint one square red, one blue, and one yellow, mixing paint and water until they get the exact color tones that are on the big color chart. Tell them these are the primary colors.

Let the children mix blue and yellow to make green, yellow and red to get orange, and blue and red to get violet, again trying to match exactly the colors on the master chart. Tell them these are the secondary (or binary) colors.

Next direct them to mix the tertiary colors: yellow-green, blue-green, yellow-orange, red-orange, blue-violet, and red-violet.

Have them cut out a square inch of each color and arrange the squares on the color wheel which they drew on the first paper, in indicated in picture 2.

6. Have them copy the formulas for finding color harmonies as stated below the wheel in Picture 2.

7. Make an indicator out of cardboard or oaktag and attach it at the center with a brass fastener so that it rotates. The indicator helps the children to find the complementary and split complementary color harmonies. Teach them that harmonies in color are as pleasing as harmonies in music.

A Useful Dial in Complementary Colors

In some schools there is a ruling that whenever the class is not in its regular classroom during school hours, a notice must be posted on the door stating where the class went. Picture 3 shows a simple device that will tell by a twist of the dial just where the class is whenever it is out of the classroom.

1. Have each child choose from a supply of paper two sheets that represent a complementary color harmony—any two colors opposite on the color wheel. Be sure that at least one color is used in a tint rather than in full intensity.

2. With a radius of 4" draw on the paper which is the lighter one in color, an eight-inch circle, and with a 3½" radius draw a seven-inch circle on the darker paper. Cut out

these circles. Be sure to mark well, with the compasses, the centers of both circles.

3. On the smaller circle draw lightly in pencil, and concentric with the outer circumference, a circle of 2" radius and one of 3" radius. Cut out a "window" as shown, between these two drawn circles.

4. With the "window" at the lowest point, print an "R" directly above the center of the "window," using the pencil-drawn circles as guide lines. Then put an "A" to the left of the "R" and an "E" to the right. Fill in the "E" of "WE" and then the "W." using proper spacing between words. Do the same with "I" and "N." Go over these letters with crayon of the same color as the circle, but much darker in tone. Erase the pencil-drawn circles.

5. Put the two circles of cardboard together with a brass fastener through the centers.

6. With the same crayon, print on the big circle, where it shows through the "window," the word "GYM." Then move the dial so the word "GYM" does not show and print "YARD" in the "window." Then move the dial again and print in "AUD." Continue until you have put in all the places the class uses when it is not using the classroom. Leave one space blank, so that when you are in the classroom your dial reads simply "WE ARE IN."

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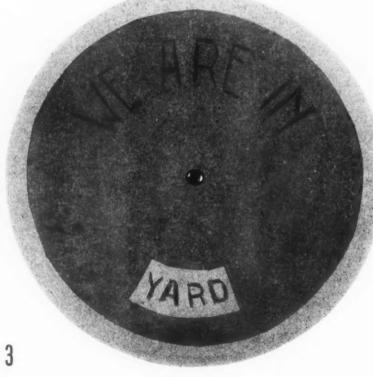
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7. If you have a glass window in your classroom door, fasten the smaller circle to the inside of this window with transparent adhesive tape in three places. You can freely move the large circle around from within the room. It is more convenient if you mark the back of the big circle so you can tell what appears through the "window" at each turn.

8. If you have to put this on the outside of the door, attach the whole thing to a third paper or cardboard. using the same brass fastener. Attach the mounting paper or cardboard to the outside of the door with two thumb tacks.

This device may be used for other things than telling where the class can be found at all times. It could announce the next P.T.A. Meeting or the present class housekeeper or class captain, or when the next reports are due.





It could be strengthened and embellished by putting a cardboard flower and leaf in between the head of the fastener and the smaller circle. and coloring it in tints and shades of your same two colors.

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A Colonial Lady Stands Alona

Use the same procedure to make patterns of the colonial lady in Picture 4 above. You can make your pattern, which the children can use. by tracing it from the picture.

Before coloring the dress and drawing on it the flowers, have each child make a floral illustration like the ones shown in Picture 5.

Give out small pieces of ordinary paper about 3" x 6". Direct the children to fold each piece into 2" squares. Each child should then draw a floral form-an original one with a curved stem and two leaves.

Hang up the color wheel, and tell the children to choose a color scheme in SPLIT COMPLEMENTARY harmony-that is any one color and the two neighbors of the color directly opposite on the wheel. For example: green with red-violet and red-orange or blue-green with orange and red.

Tell the children to color the flower one color, the leaves and stem another color, and the background a tint of the third color.

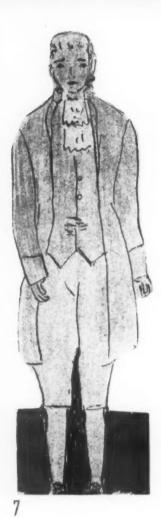
Allow each child to choose his own split complementary harmony and to try his design in another split complementary harmony to see which he prefers. When each child has decided on the one he likes, give out the doll patterns. Tell the boys that many men make a good living designing silks.

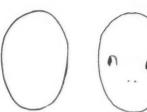
After the doll is drawn on the good paper, tell them to use their miniature floral designs in coloring the upper part of the dress. The skirt should be colored in a tint of the flower color or of the leaf color. Let the better artists draw the faces for the less competent ones. See Picture 6 page 26. Note that the eyes are drawn half way down the oval and far apart. Also note that the mouth is a solid black horizontal circle with a line through it. Paste the two edges of the skirt together to enable the doll to stand up. Both girls and boys will be delighted when they see their dolls cut out, pinned together, and standing up.

These may be used as the culmination of a study unit on colonial life. In modern evening dresses, they make beautiful place cards, with "Identifi-













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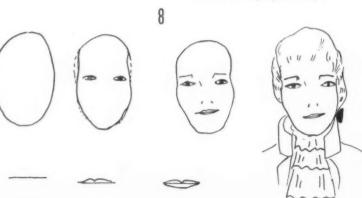
A Colonial Gentleman

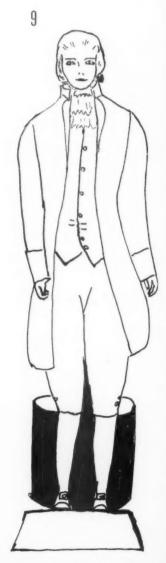
This is a fitting partner for the colonial lady of our last drawing lesson.

Hang up the color wheel and tell the children to choose an analogous color, that is, a combination of any three colors in succession on the color wheel. Example: blue-violet, violet and red-violet or green, yellowgreen, and yellow.

Have models made of oaktag, traced from the pattern at the left, Picture 7. Give out drawing paper and give the model to the first child in each row. He traces around the pattern and passes it to the child behind him, who does the same.

Then he draws in the faces, hands. clothes, and shoes, etc. See Picture 3 for details of face. Note the steps shown for drawing the mouth. He colors it using one of his three colors for the coat and trousers, another for the vest, and the third for the stockings. The hair ribbon is black, as is the stand, including the space between the legs. He cuts it out and makes it stand by pasting the edges A and B together (See Picture 9). The hair and jabot are white, and the face is very light orange.





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Book Club Selections

For boys and girls 6, 7, and 8 years of age:

BARTHOLOMEW AND THE OOBLECK. By Dr. Seuss. Random House.

For boys and girls 9, 10, and 11 years of age:

Mystery at Boulder Point. By Eleanore M. Jewett. Viking Press, Inc.

For older girls, 12 to 16 years of age: CANDY. By Robb White. Doubleday and Company, Inc.

For older boys, 12 to 16 years of age: THE SUNKEN FOREST. By René Prud'hommeaux. Viking Press, Inc.

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General Leathercraft. By Raymond Cherry. Bloomington, Illinois: McKnight & McKnight. 128 pp. \$1.50.

In this book, first published in 1940 and now in its third edition, will be found background information on leathercraft (such as kinds of leather. dyes, tools, and equipment), operation sheets, projects, and designs. The projects are arranged in order of their difficulty, but the instructions are so explicit and the illustrations so clear that most workers, we think. will find it possible to progress quickly from the creation of such easy items as kev cases and book marks into the more difficult category of brief cases and handbags. An index is included, as well as a reference list of books on leathercraft for those who wish to delve more deeply into the subject.

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Joe Magarac and His U.S.A. Citizen Papers. By Irwin Shapiro. Pictures by James Daugherty. New York: Julian Messner. 64 pp. \$2.00. "If anybody asks. 'Who was the greatest steelman that ever was?' you say. 'Joe Magarac.' And you'll be right. by golly! Because he was the best feller for making steel in the whole world.

"Yoh! That Joe Magarac, he was a real steel man. He was born on an ore mountain in the Old Country. He was even made of steel himself. Sure Mike—he was steel all over."

book shelf

In such lusty style Irwin Shapiro begins the folk yarn of Joe Magarac. the legendary hero of the Slovak steel workers. There is plenty of hearty humor, exaggeration, and robust action to put across a theme stressing appreciation of our foreign-born citizens.

We suspect that few will quibble with the decision of the judges who unanimously gave *Joe Magarac* the Julia Ellsworth Ford Foundation Award for Children's Literature.

GOLDEN STORY BOOKS. New York: Simon and Schuster. 128 pp. 25c.

We always wonder what the Golden Book people will be up to next. Usually they are up to something pretty interesting, and their latest project is no exception.

The Golden Story Books are pocket-size volumes, hardbound in washable covers, which contain one or more entertaining stories. Some of the stories are brand-new ones, written especially for the series. Others have been previously published. There are full-color pictures on nearly all of the 128 pages.

Though these stories are designed for children from seven to ten, our experience indicates that they will also appeal to children older than ten. We found that 12-year-olds chuckled over Kathryn and Byron Jackson's Circus Stories and were especially delighted by "Crinkle's Nose." the humorous story of a clown who was robbed of his huge and valuable nose.

The Story of Sound. By James Geralton. Illustrated by Joe Kursh. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company. 74 pp. \$2.00.

Children spend all their spare time, we suspect, thinking up questions to spout forth during the science period. A book which answers some of these questions is usually treasured by the teacher.

Such a book is *The Story of Sound*, written by a Harvard physics instructor. The buzzing of mosquitoes, the singing of teakettles, and the satisfying sound of an exploding firecracker are explained, as well as the manner in which bats successfully engage in blind flying by means of ultrasonic cries.

This book, with its lively line drawings by Joe Kursh, will be a happy supplement to those science texts whose treatment of sound is both dismal and inadequate.

SEATMATES. By Mary K. Reely. Illustrated by Eloise Wilkin. New York: Franklin Watts, Inc. 1949. 237 pp. \$2.00.

Here is a cozy story about a little girl of not too long ago in a small midwestern town.

Girls of seven to eleven will easily identify themselves with Kate, feeling her own hurt about not being invited to a birthday party, participating with her in the fun of Christmas trees and May baskets, and finally rejoicing with her as she finds a real friend and seatmate.

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They like to paint with tempera

Jessie Todd tells why tempera paints are so popular at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools.



No art medium is more popular with and useful to third- and fourthgraders than tempera paint. "With tempera paint you can paint walls, cupboards, and scenery for plays."

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Illustration 1 shows part of a mural painted directly on the wall by children eight years of age. Notice the music teacher playing the piano and the third-grade child near her. The girl is taking her turn singing to the class. Notice the class sitting in the small chairs. The background colors were magenta. red. blue, and green. Other sections of the music mural showed children playing different instruments and children dancing to music.

Illustration 2 shows part of the art section of the mural. The children are sitting at a table, planning projects they will make out of wood.

Illustration 3 shows cupboard linings. The bookcases in the room won't hold all of the books: so some are stored in the hall cupboards near the room. The hall was unattractive until the children painted these colorful linings.

Illustration 4 shows a stage set by Brenda, age nine. This was the preliminary sketch on paper 18" x 24". It was charming in color. There was pure magenta in it, pink, green, and turquoise. Notice the imaginative bird in the upper left corner. The design held together in composition and color. Many children helped to paint the large stage scenery. They incorporated their ideas into the final stage set.

Children enjoy using tempera paints if they have many bright colors. Magenta is one of their favorite colors. Turquoise is another.

Glancing at the four illustrations, you will note that they have some things in common.

A. All have children in them who are the same age as the young artists. In Brenda's stage set, the four spots in the lower center are children on the stage. In our school children are encouraged to draw and paint people. In many schools children paint houses, trees, and airplanes and dodge the drawing of people. We have days when all children in a class practice drawing people. We draw them sitting, standing, running, jumping, diving, and dancing.

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Snowflakes

First-graders can
make these snowflakes.
By Edith J. Dalbey

To help first-grade pupils cut sixpointed snowflakes I devised this pattern.

Trace pattern carefully with hectograph carbon, pencil, or pen and ink. Have them run off on thin typewriter paper.

Directions for folding and cutting

Cut out circle first.

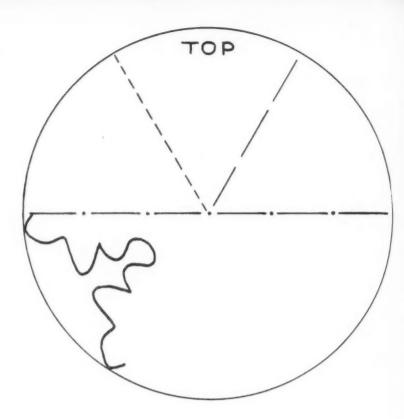
Fold on the dash-dot-dash line, making a half circle so that the dotted lines and the word "Top" show.

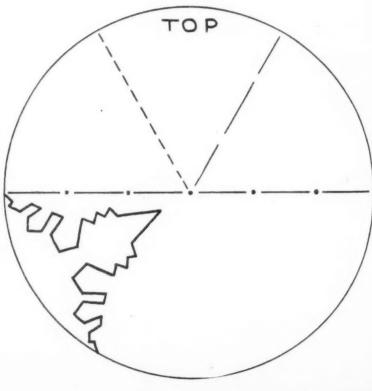
Next fold on dash-dash line over to the dotted line, covering the word "Top" with one third of the half circle.

Now fold on the dotted line so the other third of the half circle covers the two-thirds already folded together. The snowflake pattern is now on top.

Cut on the lines of the pattern. Open out, and you have a six-pointed snowflake.

If you make two sheets for each pupil the children will begin to "catch on" how to fold into six parts and will be able to make them for themselves.





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Series on Design

Design: Line is the first in a new series of four Young America films on principles of design for art education and drawing classes. The purpose of Design: Line is to familiarize the student with line as one basic element of design, and to show the various results that different types and combinations of lines can produce in the art and industry of everyday life. The Design Series is being produced by Lewis Jacobs.

Three additional films are in preparation for this series and will be released in the next few months under the titles: Design: Shape, Design: Light and Shade, Design: Composition. This series will supplement the four teaching films for beginners in drawing recently released by Young America Films under the series title, Drawing for Beginners.

Design: Line is a one-reel, blackand-white sound film available at \$40.00 per print from Young America Films, 18 East 41 St., New York 17.

House Model

Make a House Model shows how to translate full-size house plans into a scale model, using simple tools and easily-available materials. Lightweight cardboard is the basic material, cut out with a sharp knife or razor blade and assembled with glue. Also illustrated are use of the ruler or scale, the compasses and dividers. scraps for landscaping and decorative effects, and water-color paints. Careful workmanship is emphasized throughout. Technical advisor was Robert S. Hilpert, chairman of the department of art of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Bailey Films, 2044 North Berendo. Hollywood 27, California, is the producer.

Life Filmstrips

Life Magazine is now issuing the first of a series of filmstrips in color. hased on its research for the "History of Western Culture" articles. Full use will be made of the numerous published and unpublished color transparencies by means of which Life's color photographers are recording the world's great masterpieces of art, architecture, and archeology.



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Three of the first filmstrips to be released are *The Middle Ages*, *Heritage of the Maya*, and *Giotto's Frescoes of the Life of Christ*, from the Arena Chapel in Padua. A fourth filmstrip. *The Atom*, is based on the article by that name which appeared last spring. All four filmstrips are in color.

The editors of *Life* intend to produce only a limited number of filmstrips each year to assure the time necessary to create filmstrips of exceptional quality. The strips will contain an average of fifty frames and sell for \$4.50. Extensive lecture notes accompany each subject.

A descriptive booklet may be obtained by writing to *Life* Filmstrips. Time & *Life* Building. 9 Rockefeller Plaza. New York 20.

The Netherlands

Two new one-reel films on Holland are now available from Coronet.

Stories of Holland: Background for Reading provides a vivid visual background for some of the best-loved juvenile literature. With the help of the camera, we take a journey to Broek, the setting for the story of Hans Brinker: Volendam, a typical fishing village on the Zuider Zee: the old city of Leiden at tulip time, and many other places of literary interest.

Life in Lowlands introduces the audience to Peter and Mina as Grandfather promises to show them how much of their country was claimed from the sea and made into rich polders. A tour of the Netherlands follows, including the modern city of Amsterdam.

Both films may be purchased from Coronet for \$90 in full color or \$45 in black and white.

Indian Legend

The Loon's Necklace, chosen grand winner of Canada's 1949 motion picture awards for being "The Canadian Film of the Year," is now being distributed by Encyclopaedia Britannica Films. The picture relates an ancient legend of the British Columbia Indians of how the loon got its necklace. Actual ceremonial masks from the collection of the National Museum of Canada are used on all the characters in the film.

Intended for the middle grades and upward, The Loon's Necklace may be rented or purchased from Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc., Wilmette, Illinois. The purchase price for this one-reel sound film, in full color, is \$90.00.

Electricity

Another Britannica production is Making Electricity, a one-reel sound film demonstrating the principles of how electricity is generated. Middle and primary grade students are shown how a small, hand-powered generator may be constructed, followed by views of the generator in actual operation. It then illustrates how the same principles apply in generating electricity

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teaching tactics

Weather booklets

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My pupils enjoyed marking our large calendar as a daily weather report. A yellow sun denoted sunny days, black clouds showed stormy days, and white was used for raindrops and snow. A small, colored kite represented windy days.

We decided to illustrate a weather booklet. We stapled together several white sheets of construction paper. Some of the pictures illustrated here are from our weather books. Each child was especially careful to use lettering on the outside as well as the inside of his booklet.

> Jean C. Rice Roselle, N. J.

Imaginary Fortunes

Do you need a new game to give zest to your review work?

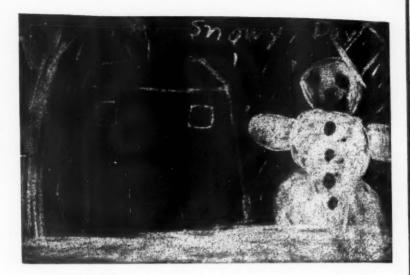
Make a guide sheet of review material which covers a unit, semester, or the term's work. Give each child a copy of the guide sheet for study purposes. Make a set of questions which are covered on the guide sheets, giving each question a money value according to the difficulty of the question.

Divide the class into teams by captains, rows, or boys versus girls.

The first player on the team draws a question. If he can answer the question, he has won an imaginary sum of money for his team (as \$1.50). Failure to answer the question will penalize the team a similar sum. The team may be forced into debt by not having enough money on hand to pay the penalty.

If you use the device several days, those children who failed will work

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Creative work in three dimensions

Clay modeling and soap sculpture are discussed in detail by Anna Dunser.

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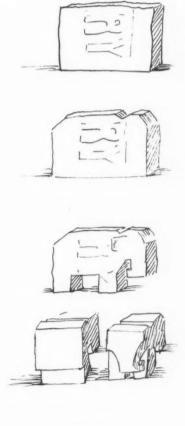
A five-year-old girl held a ball of clay in her hands. Suddenly her face broke into smiles and she said, "It feels funny."

If you have never held clay in your hands, try it. The feel of the cool. velvety, wet, pliable stuff will surpyou, too.

Take a piece about the size of an egg: pat it smooth. Close your hand on it; press it no harder than you would a baby's fist. When the ball of clay has the imprint of your hand, place it on the table before you and walk around it—or have it on a piece of cardboard which you can turn about. The piece of clay may suggest something; an unopened bud, a hunched-up rabbit, a curled-up kitten, or a well-wrapped Indian papoose. Or it may not suggest any particular thing and still give pleasure through its interesting shape.

Poke the piece of clay with a finger. Pat it down a little. Change the shape by pushing and pulling. You will find yourself intrigued with the possibilities.

The teacher who knows the feel of clay will understand the pleasure children have in working with this material. The suggestions given above for an adult will not be necessary for the small child. He will pound, push, pull, and squeeze the clay with abandon, getting thoroughly acquainted with it before forming any object.



But first the teacher will want to know where and how to get the clay. Sometimes a country school is so fortunate as to have a clay bank on or near the school yard. Such clay may be in good condition to use. It may even be fired successfully. The teacher and pupils should experiment with the natural clay.

If clay cannot be picked up in the yard, it can be purchased in wet bricks or in powdered form, in five-pound boxes or in 100 pound sacks. The powdered clay may be mixed with water, adding the water to the clay gradually until the clay is wet enough to be smooth but dry enough that a ball of it retains its shape when held in the hand. When it is just the right consistency only a fine film of clay clings to the hand.

If the school has the clay in large quantities, it can be mixed in a large container such as a stone jar or a zinc-lined wooden box. And if the room has a washable floor, the teacher will permit the children to take out the clay for themselves and experiment with it freely until they find that they can form recognizable objects.

Quite often, however, the amount of clay is so limited that each child has an opportunity to make only one or two things. And perhaps the work must be done in an ordinary classroom. Then the teacher will follow a procedure which will be most likely to secure satisfying results.

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First-grade children modeling animals of clay

Third-grade children painting animals made of clay



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The clay should be mixed at least twenty-four hours before it is to be used. Balls of about one-half or threequarters of a pound for each child are formed and covered with wet rags or paper until time for the clay lesson.

Place a piece of paper on each desk and the clay on the paper. Then instruct the children to keep their clay in one piece. When it is kept so, there is little danger of it falling to pieces when the creation has dried. If the children begin by modeling animals, a discussion of the general characteristics of all animals is a good starting point. All animals have bodies, necks, heads, legs, ears and tails, The ball of clay is rolled between the hands until it is elongated, like an egg. Now with the thumb and first finger about one third of the egg can be pressed away from the rest, and we have head, neck, and body. The head is not separated from the body: only a slight pressure is necessary to indicate the neck - a neck thick enough to hold up the head.

At this stage the children can see that the head is round like a person's head, but an animal has a long head extending at right angles to the neck. By pulling down on the clay head the right shape is achieved. Legs are formed by pulling down from the body sufficient clay to make two legs in front and two in the back. They must be kept thick and strong.

Ears and tail are pinched out in the same way, care being used to keep all parts thick enough so that they will not crack. When the animal is this far along the fun begins, for from this point on, it is truly experimental. The head can be twisted to either side. or up or down: the legs can be placed in a running or walking position. or they can be bent so the animal is lying down. The ears may be upright or flopping down. The different positions suggest different animals or different moods in one animal. The body may be bent into a springing position or slump dejectedly.

To model a person, the clay is formed into an egg-shape first, just as in modeling the animal. The neck is made by pinching in, which gives the head and body. This shape is kept upright, and the head remains a round ball. When modeling a woman or a girl, a long full skirt gives the

figure stability. If a man or boy is to be modeled, the pant legs are kept large. Part of the clay is pinched from the body to form the arms. If the hands are attached to the body, the arms will be less likely to break.

As in the figure of the animal, the fun begins when the basic form has been made. The body can be bent at the waistline in any direction. The head, too, can be tried out in various

directions. The arms can be bent at the elbow and placed to express supplication, derision, pleasure, disgust, and various other emotions.

When the modeled figure has the desired position and expression it can be smoothed with one wet finger. After twenty-four hours the clay is leather hard, and additional work can be done by carving with a knife. Within two or three days the clay will be bone dry and can be scraped or sanded to change the appearance or to give a more finished look.

If the figures, animals, or people, have been built quite sturdy, they will be durable even without firing. The decoration of these figures is a big part of the fun. Paint them with tempera. It is a good plan to give one complete coat of some light color first. The figures of people can be painted to represent gay clothing, print material, laces and embroidery, in present day styles, colonial, peasant, or just fanciful.

The clay animals should not be painted with uninteresting black-and-white or brown-and-white spots. They can never pass as real animals anyway; so they had better be painted as toys or ornaments, either as though made of some gaily figured material or decorated with design that follows the shape. Any child can make the clay figures and paint them and they will enjoy the work at all ages.

A class may have access to prepared clay—mixed with oil so it does not harden and can be used again and again. This type of clay is desirable for practice before using the firing clay but is not a necessity. The prepared clay is used, too, when modeling a piece that is to be covered with papier maché, and the clay is removed after the piece is finished. Artists often use the prepared clay when making small models of things they later make of firing clay, and they use it for forms for molds.

Children—and adults—will enjoy some experience in carving, as well as modeling. Firing clay can be used for carving. A block of clay of any size may be set aside to become leather hard. It can then be carved much as soap is carved. The directions which follow for carving in soap may be used just as well on the leather hard clay.

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 216: ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA
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Oh. sister Anne!

ANNE: (Calling)

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(Rushes on Bluebeard)

Oh, ruffian, stay thy murderous hand! They come, they come, the rescue hand!

(Brother rushes in)

BLUEBEARD: (To brother)

Come, villain, come and meet thy

I'll cut thy throat; I'll crack thy pate!

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Joy! Joy! Joy! The tyrant now is

Joy! Joy! Remove his ugly

Vever shall we tremble now in dread Because we think that old Bluebeard's come back!

Hip! Hip! Hip! Now the house and all is ours:

Gold in the cellar: rubies in the towers:

Dance and sing, no thought of danger

Because we think old Bluebeard's come back!

They dance as the curtain falls.)

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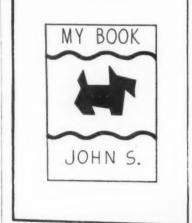
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anything backward then."

So every day Flatt Flanagan drove his little black police car up one street and down another. He never spoke to anyone because his face was still red.

Whenever he had an order over the radio he did just exactly what he was told to do.

Finally his face grew lighter and lighter until it was his natural color again. Then one day Flatt Flanagan was prowling slowly up one street and down another. He began to daydream about a trip to the mountains.

Suddenly the voice of the captain of the police came over the loud speaker of the radio.

"Proceed to fire on South Bright Street! Hurry! Fire on South Bright! That is all."

Flatt Flanagan stepped on the gas. He opened the siren wide.

"WOO-eeh-WOO-eeh!" went the siren as Flatt turned the police car up Bright Street.

Everyone hurried out of the houses on Bright Street to follow the police car.

Flatt came to the end of the street. There were no fire engines there!

There wasn't even a little fire in a fireplace, but there was a crowd of people waiting for something to hap-

When Flatt Flanagan couldn't find the fire he decided he was at the wrong end of Bright Street. He had turned up North Bright instead of down South Bright.

Flatt Flanagan had gone to a fire backward!

His face grew as red as a fire engine.

He turned the prowl car around quietly in the street and tried to sneak away so the people couldn't see him.

When Flatt Flanagan found the fire the captain of the police was there before him.

"Where have you been, Flatt Flanagan? I've been looking all over for you!" he yelled.

Flatt Flanagan hung his head.

"I guess I went to the fire backward," he said.

When the fire was out Flatt followed the captain of the police back to the police station.

"I'll give you one more chance. Flatt," the captain said. "You'll drive the fire chief around. Perhaps you can do that right!"

So after that Flatt Flanagan drove the fire chief around in a red car, but he would never speak to the fire chief because his face was still red.

When the fire chief had no place to go Flatt sat in the car and daydreamed, but when there was a fire be followed the fire engines down the street.

Finally his face grew lighter and lighter until it was his natural color again. Then Flatt began to talk to the fire chief and he was very happy. for he had plenty of time to daydream.

But, best of all, he did everything right because it just isn't possible to follow a fire engine down the street backward!

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Winter scenes

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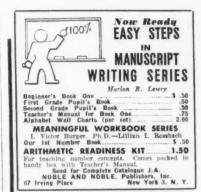
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A cold winter night with the moon shining down on the ice or frost can be made by adding a little vellow and purple to intensify the deep shadows.

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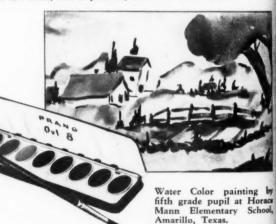
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